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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

It will be recalled that, at its second session, the Ad Hoc Working Group recommended to the Trade and Development Board to reschedule its fourth and final session for a later date in June 1994 in order to allow it to consider the results of the Uruguay Round and their effects on the trading prospects of developing countries, as well as to prepare the Group's final report to the Board. At its fifth (pre-sessional) executive session (see TD/B/EX(5)/2), the Board took note of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on its second session (TD/B/40(2)/4) and endorsed the recommendations in paragraph 16.

At the resumed second part of its fortieth session, convened to carry out the mid-term review and evaluation of work programmes, the Board agreed that the five existing Ad Hoc Working Groups had addressed all elements in their respective terms of reference and that they should be wound up. Moreover, the Board decided to establish three new ad hoc working groups, one of which is the Ad Hoc Working Group on Trading Opportunities in the New International Trading Context (cf. TD/B/40(2)/26. section I, annex III).

As provided for in the calendar of meetings, the Working Group will have available five working days from 4 to 8 July 1994. At the first meeting, on 4 July 1994, an opening statement will be made by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative.

Item 2: Consideration of issues arising from the work programme of the Ad Hoc Working Group:

> Results of the Uruguay Round and their effects on the trading prospects of the developing countries, including identification of opportunities arising from the reduction of tariffs and non-tariff measures on products of export interest to them

The Working Group will have before it a report by the UNCTAD secretariat (TD/B/WG.4/13) which provides a preliminary assessment of the results of the Uruguay Round and their implications for the market opportunities of developing countries and for domestic policy options to promote export sector development and trade.

Item 3: Other business

Item 4: Adoption of the final report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Trade and Development Board

To assist the Ad Hoc Working Group in its work, as requested by the Group, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a preliminary draft of the Group's final report contained in TD/B/WG.4/L.11 In accordance with the request of the Ad Hoc Working Group, the draft final report has been prepared as a synthesis and elaboration of the Chairman's summaries of the substantive discussion of the Group contained in the reports on each session of the Group.

In addition to the overall final report, the Working Group will be called upon to adopt the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur on its fourth session.